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Dear OSG Colleagues:

Under Dr. Doug Backous' leadership, we have already finalized the program for the 82nd Otosclerosis Study Group meeting which will take place at 6:00 PM in Boston on Saturday, September 12, 2020. Dr. Doug Backous, our current president, has put together a great panel, entitled, "Hot Topics in Otosclerosis Management." The panelists will include Matt Carlson, Brandon Isaacson, Liz Toh, Jennifer Maw and Howard Francis. The panel will be moderated by Dr. Doug Backous.

This year we're going to have the "OSG DOC's Discussion" presentations prior to the panel to ensure the presenters will not be rushed. We have allocated fifteen minutes for this portion of the program. If you have any interesting or unusual cases, please consider presenting them. Each case will be limited to three minutes. I will be glad to help with any video editing if needed. As in previous years, a \$100 Visa Gift Card will be presented to the best presentation. On a personal note, I want to again thank Drs. K. J. Lee and George Wanna for making the DOC's Discussion award such a memorable event last year. I am sure the winners have put their prize money to good use. Last year's meeting drew the attention of the ENT & Audiology News. Please click on the following link to view the article that was published regarding last year's event (<https://www.entandaudiologynews.com/events/event/the-81st-annual-otosclerosis-study-group-meeting>). I want to personally thank Rosaleen Shine for facilitating this publication.

Due to the increasing number of members in the Otosclerosis Study Group, it has become more and more difficult to find venues that will accommodate our organization. However, we are fortunate to have located a wonderful spot associated with Morton's Steakhouse in Boston (2 Seaport Ln, Boston). In keeping with our tradition of working hard, playing hard and definitely eating and drinking well, this year's menu will include fresh lobster and fillet mignon, accompanied by our favorite wine, "The Prisoner."

We expect to have another record-breaking attendance in Boston. Consequently, it is important that any of your colleagues, who are talented stapes surgeons, not wait until the last minute to apply. If you are aware of colleagues, who you feel warrant membership in our group, please have them download the application from the [OSG website](#) and obtain the necessary two letters of recommendation. By so doing, they will be able to attend the upcoming meeting in Boston.

This letter serves as a formal notice for OSG dues. In order to attend the upcoming meeting in Boston, all dues need to be up to date. Attached is your dues notice and registration information. The dues will remain at \$50 per member and the charge for this year's dinner will only be \$75.00 per person. **It is essential that membership dues and dinner charges be paid in advance of the meeting.** Failure to do this, will delay us getting started. I have attached your dues, notices and registration forms for the meeting. Please indicate if you're bringing a guest. Plan on arriving at Morton's Steakhouse by 5:45 PM. They will direct you to the Wintergarden Atrium, which is adjacent to Morton's Steakhouse. The business meeting will begin promptly at 6:00 PM, followed by the scientific session at 6:15 PM. While we are meeting, the spouses will enjoy hors d'oeuvres and refreshments. Following the scientific session, we will join them while the restaurant staff sets up for the dinner seating at 8:00.

All of the vendors from last year's meeting have indicated that they would like to attend this year's meeting. It is only through the generous support of our exhibitors that the Otosclerosis Study Group is able to hold such an enjoyable event each year. Please do not take the vendor support for granted. Let them know how much you appreciate their support for our scientific and social activities. This year, we may be able to accommodate a few more vendors due to the large Atrium space. If you have any vendors you think would be interested in participating, please have them contact my administrative assistant, Sadie Carpenter (scarpenter@carolinaear.us).

I want to personally thank each of you for your continued support of the Otosclerosis Study Group. Please complete and return the enclosed registration/dues form as soon as possible. I look forward to another great meeting in Boston!

All the best,

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Secretary-Treasurer
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